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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**
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14 ANDREW SCOTT HERNANDEZ,

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 DAVID DICKEY, CHRIS BRIDGES,
18 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA,
19 VENTURA POLICE
DEPARTMENT, and DOES 1-10,

20 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:17-cv-03447 VAP (RAOx)

Magistrate Judge Rozella A. Oliver

PROTECTIVE ORDER

23 Having reviewed and considered the Parties' Stipulation for Protective
24 Order governing Confidential Information produced during discovery, good cause
25 showing therein, IT IS SO ORDERED:

26 1. Plaintiff. Plaintiff is ANDREW SCOTT HERNANDEZ (hereinafter
27 "Plaintiff").

28 2. Defendants. Defendants are David Dickey, Chris Bridges, City of

1 San Buenaventura and Ventura Police Department (collectively, hereinafter
2 “Defendants”) (Plaintiff and Defendants are collectively referred to hereinafter as
3 “the Parties”).

4 3. Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
5 Discovery Material in this action.

6 4. Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
7 Material from a Producing Party.

8 5. Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the
9 designation of information or items under this Order.

10 6. Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information
11 or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
12 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

13 7. Case Summary. This case arises from Plaintiff’s allegations that
14 Defendants violated his rights based on the February 25, 2015 incident which led
15 to the arrest of Plaintiff.

16 8. Good Cause Statement and Confidential Materials. The parties
17 anticipate that during discovery in this action they will exchange documents,
18 items, or materials and other information that contain sensitive and confidential
19 information that derives actual or potential value from not being generally known
20 to the public and are the subject of reasonable efforts to maintain their
21 confidentiality. The parties believe, in good faith, that these documents and/or
22 writing are protected by the Official Information Privilege, the right to privacy
23 guaranteed in Federal Constitution, First Amendment and California Constitution,
24 Article I, Section I, and various California Government, Penal, and Evidence
25 Code sections, and thus protected from disclosure. This will be accomplished by
26 affixing to such document or writing a legend, such as “CONFIDENTIAL” or
27 “CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” or words of similar
28 effect. Documents and writings so designated, hereinafter, collectively,

1 (“Confidential Information”), shall be treated in accordance with the terms of this
2 stipulation/protective order. Documents, writings and things to be designated as
3 such, include, but are not limited to, the following:

4 a. Any non-public material relating to the criminal investigation
5 of the February 25, 2015 incident involving Plaintiff’s arrest;

6 b. Any material relating to or regarding the personnel files and/or
7 records of officers of the Ventura Police Department;

8 c. Any training records of the Ventura Police Department
9 including but not limited to those of the named individual defendants relating to
10 use of force and laws of arrest;

11 d. Any Ventura Police Department policies, practices, or
12 procedures and/or training materials including but not limited to documentation
13 relating to use of force and laws of arrest;

14 e. Any material containing sensitive and/or private information
15 regarding third parties.

16 f. Medical records of the Plaintiff

17 g. Psychological records of the Plaintiff

18 9. Interests in Favor of Protective Order. This Order is necessary to
19 expedite discovery, while maintaining confidential and private information of
20 Defendants, Plaintiff and third parties, and it is necessary to protect parties or
21 persons from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense.
22 Further, disclosure of such information without a protective order may
23 compromise the safety of Defendants, Plaintiff and third parties.

24 10. Stipulation. The Parties are entering into this Stipulation for
25 Protective Order to protect against any improper disclosure or risk of
26 circumvention of law that might result from disclosure of sensitive and
27 confidential information as described in this Order. To informally resolve this
28 discovery matter, the Parties have agreed to this Stipulation for Protective Order

1 that carefully limits the use and dissemination of the Confidential Information.

2 11. Confidential Information. This Protective Order shall apply to all
3 Confidential Information produced in this case. The Confidential Information
4 may be contained in originals and copies of relevant interrogatory responses
5 obtained from the parties in this matter; originals and copies of relevant
6 documents responsive to requests for production of documents obtained from the
7 parties in this matter; and originals and copies of transcripts, video recordings, and
8 audio recordings of any deposition taken in this matter during which the
9 Confidential Information is used, mentioned, reviewed, discussed, and/or referred
10 to. The Confidential Information shall be subject to this Protective Order as
11 follows:

12 12. Storage of Confidential Information. Immediately upon production
13 of disclosures or discovery by a party to this action or Non-Party, attorneys for
14 receiving party shall personally secure and maintain the Confidential Information
15 in their possession. The Confidential Information shall not, under any
16 circumstances, be left in an open or unsecured location where unauthorized
17 persons (such as unauthorized employees of counsel, cleaning personnel, etc.)
18 might have access to them.

19 13. Confidential Information Legend. All documents containing
20 Confidential Information shall be stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" or
21 "CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" or words of similar
22 effect. Such stamp shall not obscure the document.

23 14. Limitation of Use of Confidential Information. Attorneys for the
24 receiving party shall not cause or knowingly permit disclosure of the contents of
25 the Confidential Information, in any manner, including orally, beyond the
26 disclosure permitted under the terms and conditions of this Order. Any such
27 disclosure shall be construed as a violation of this Order, except when used for
28 purposes of this litigation as described in Paragraph Nos. 13 and 14 of this

1 Protective Order.

2 15. Testimony Regarding the Confidential Information. In the case of
3 depositions, any party may designate all or any portion of the deposition
4 testimony given regarding the Confidential Information in this litigation as
5 Confidential Information orally during the deposition. Any questions intended to
6 elicit testimony regarding the contents of the Confidential Information shall be
7 conducted only in the presence of persons authorized to review the Confidential
8 Information as provided in this Order. Any deposition transcript containing such
9 questions and testimony shall be subject to the same protections and precautions
10 applicable to the Confidential Information.

11 16. Inadvertent Disclosure. If a producing party inadvertently produces
12 any Confidential Information without designating it as such, it may be remedied
13 by (1) promptly notifying the receiving party of the error; and (2) providing a
14 substitute copy of the Confidential Information with a proper legend. In that
15 event, the receiving party, upon obtaining inadvertently produced undesignated
16 Confidential Information will: (1) return the previously produced Confidential
17 Information and destroy all copies thereof; and (2) if the receiving party has
18 already disseminated the Confidential Information to any person, shall notify all
19 such persons the information was disseminated to the Confidential Information in
20 writing of the need to return such Confidential Information and not to further
21 disseminate it. This provision applies to any and all Confidential Information
22 produced to the receiving party.

23 17. Limitations on the Non-Litigation Use of Confidential Information.
24 The confidentiality of the Confidential Information received from the producing
25 party during discovery in this action shall be maintained, and all Confidential
26 Information exchanged will be used solely for the litigation of this action entitled.
27 Specifically, the receiving party may not use such documents, records, or other
28 information (or the contents thereof) for any other purpose, including use as

1 background material, or for inclusion in books, magazines, newspapers, or other
2 publications. The receiving party is prohibited from placing any of the
3 Confidential Information on the Internet.

4 18. Court Filings. If necessary in the judgment of attorneys for the
5 receiving party, said attorneys may show or reveal the contents of the Confidential
6 Information to the court only pursuant to Local Rule 79-5 or Ninth Circuit Rule
7 27-13. The receiving party will inform the Court and the producing party of any
8 Confidential Information it intends to present during trial so appropriate measure
9 may be considered by the Court that may be necessary to protect the Confidential
10 Information. The receiving party's presentation of Confidential Information
11 during trial will not require compliance with the written consent as set forth in
12 Paragraph No. 16 below.

13 19. Other Persons Authorized To Review Confidential Information. The
14 receiving party's attorneys of record, attorneys in their office, law clerks and
15 paralegals in their office, may review copies of the Confidential Information
16 covered by this Order. Also, Plaintiff and Defendants, including officers,
17 directors, employees, and experts thereof may be permitted to review the
18 Confidential Information. Additionally, expert witnesses and other individuals
19 and entities that may be employed or retained by the receiving party to assist in
20 the preparation and/or the litigation of this action may be permitted to see
21 originals and obtain copies of the Confidential Information covered by this Order,
22 provided such experts and employees have first executed the written statement set
23 forth in Paragraph No. 16 below, and comply with the provisions of that section.
24 Counsel for the receiving party shall insure the enforcement of this protective
25 order on their office staff, including, but not limited to, paralegals and secretaries.
26 The Parties' attorneys may review the Confidential Information with the Parties
27 they represent subject to the limitations set forth in Paragraphs 17 and 21.

28 20. Applicability Of Order To Other Persons. Prior to the disclosure of

1 any Confidential Information to any person described above, attorneys for
2 receiving party who seek to use or disclose such Confidential Information shall
3 first provide any such person with a copy of this Order, and shall cause him or her
4 to execute the following acknowledgment:

5 “I, _____, do solemnly swear that I
6 am fully familiar with the terms of the Stipulated Protective Order
7 entered in this action and hereby agree to comply with and be
8 bound by the terms and conditions of the said Order with respect
9 to the handling, use and disclosure of each Confidential
10 Document. I understand that I may be subject to penalties for
11 contempt of Court if I violate this Order and hereby consent to the
12 jurisdiction of said Court for purposes of enforcing this Order.

13 Dated: _____ /s/ _____”

14 This written requirement applies to, but is not limited to, expert witnesses and other
15 individuals and entities that may be employed or retained by the receiving party’s
16 counsel to assist in the preparation and/or the litigation of this action. Receiving
17 party shall be responsible for maintaining the signed original of each such written
18 statement until the conclusion of these proceedings, including any appeal.

19 21. Defendants’ and Plaintiff’s Possession of Materials. Other than
20 through their respective attorneys of record, Defendants and Plaintiff may not have
21 possession of any Confidential Information received from a Producing party , or
22 material derived therefrom. Further, Plaintiff’s attorneys or agents may not show,
23 reveal, or communicate to Plaintiff or, in any other way, share with Plaintiff any of
24 the Defendants’ personal identification information received during discovery by a
25 Producing party, including, but not limited to, addresses, phone numbers, and family
26 relations; likewise, Defendants’ attorneys or agents may not show, reveal, or
27 communicate to Defendants, in any other way, share with Defendants any of the
28 Plaintiff’s personal identification information received during discovery by a

1 Producing party, including, but not limited to, addresses, phone numbers, and family
2 relations. NOTE: Nothing will restrict a party's right to access information that
3 they would lawfully possess in the normal course of business or information that is
4 in existence in the public domain.

5 22. No Waiver of Objections. Nothing in this Stipulation and Order
6 constitutes any decision by the Court concerning discovery disputes or the
7 admission into evidence of any specific document or testimony or liability for
8 payment of any costs of production or reproduction of documents. This Order also
9 does not constitute a waiver by any party of any right to object to discovery or
10 admission into evidence of any document, record, testimony or other information
11 that is subject to this Order. Nor does any party waive any privileges, including, but
12 not limited to, the investigatory files or official information privileges, *see, e.g.,*
13 *Weiner v. FBI*, 943 F.2d 972, 985 (9th Cir. 1991), or *Miller v. Pancucci*, 141 F.R.D.
14 292 (C.D. Cal. 1992), by entering into this order.

15 23. Subpoena for Confidential Information. In the event that a Receiving
16 party receives a subpoena, discovery request, or other legal process seeking
17 production of Confidential Information, a Receiving party must give prompt written
18 notice to the Producing party. Receiving party shall inform the person or entity
19 seeking the information of the existence of this Stipulation and Order and shall not
20 produce the Confidential Information absent a Court Order requiring such
21 production.

22 24. Modification. For good cause, any party may seek a modification of
23 this Order, first by attempting to obtain the consent of the other parties to such
24 modification, and then, absent consent, by application to this Court.

25 25. Challenging Confidential Designation.

26 25.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation
27 of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's Scheduling Order.

28 25.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution

1 process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

2 25.3 Burden. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be
3 on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper
4 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other
5 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating
6 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall
7 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is
8 entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the
9 challenge.

10 26. Return of Confidential Information. No more than thirty (30) calendar
11 days after the conclusion of this case Receiving party and every other person and/or
12 entity who received originals or copies of the Confidential Information shall return
13 all originals, copies of the Confidential Information, and material derived therefrom,
14 including, but not limited to, all log(s) of persons authorized to review the protected
15 documents and the written statement(s) acknowledging the terms and provisions of
16 this Order pursuant to Paragraph No. 16 of this Order, to the attorney for the
17 producing party. Documents from Defendants should be returned to:

18 David D. Lawrence
19 Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC
20 100 West Broadway, Suite 1200
21 Glendale, California 91210-1219

22 Documents from Plaintiff should be returned to:

23 Andre L. Verdun, Esq.
24 401 West A Street, Ste 1100
25 San Diego, CA 92101

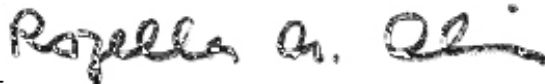
26 Alternatively, Receiving party and every other person and/or entity who received
27 originals or copies of the Confidential Information may destroy all such material and
28 material derived therefrom within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of
this case. Additionally, within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of this

1 case, counsel for Receiving party shall send a signed declaration stating that such
2 material has been destroyed pursuant to this Protective Order. This case has
3 concluded when (i) a final judgment has been entered by the Court or the case has
4 otherwise been dismissed with prejudice; (ii) the time for any objection to or request
5 for reconsideration of such a judgment or dismissal has expired; (iii) all available
6 appeals have concluded or the time for such appeals has expired; (iv) any post-
7 appeal proceedings have themselves concluded; or (v) after payment of monies due,
8 if any, to Receiving party and/or their attorneys, whether via judgment, settlement or
9 otherwise.

10 27. STRICKEN BY MAGISTRATE JUDGE OLIVER

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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15 Dated: 11/1/2017 _____



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18 Honorable Rozella A. Oliver
19 United States Magistrate Judge
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